AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Refuelling facilities are provided at airports if considered necessary and taking economic viability consideration into account. A total of 74 airports, in the country are having such refuelling facilities.

Southern Gas Grid

2172. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:
SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Southern Gas Grid project; and

(b) what are the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B.SHANKARANAND): (a) & (b) The question of setting up a Southern Gas Grid is being examined by an Inter-Ministerial Group.

Setting up of Gas Based Power Plant in M.P.

2173. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high-powered delegation from Madhya Pradesh led by Chief Minister, presented a Memorandum to the Prime Minister on 9th January, 1992 seeking approval of a gas based power plant to be set up near HBJ pipeline at Bhander in Gwalior district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when the approval is likely to be given to this project; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B.SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As at present no allocation of gas has been made for the proposed gas based power plant near Gwalior.

Gandhar Gas Power Project

2174. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has requested that the Gandhar Gas Power Project be for peak load purposes and not base load;

(b) if so, by when this request was written;

(c) if not, by when the project is likely to be cleared as a base load power station;

(d) whether it is a fact that Central Electricity Authority has given approval for 615 MW Gandhar Gas based power project with 2.25 MCMD requirement of gas; if so, what are the reasons on which the department of Petroleum have changed it to 1.15 MCMD; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Central Electricity Authority has approved the Pipavav gas based Power Project on 20th November, 1989; if so, what are the reasons for not allocation the gas even after a lapse of almost two years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B.SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) In June 1990, an allocation of 1.5 MMSCMD of gas was made for the Gandhar gas-based power plant of the Government of Gujarat.

(e) Firm allocation of gas for pipavav power plant will depend on the availability of gas.